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British Send Thais Aid; CIA Blamed for Crisis

Herald Tribune News Service

LONDON, May 24—Prime Minister Harold Macmillan announced today that Britain is sending a squadron of Hunter jet attack fighters from Singapore to Thailand at Thailand's invitation, to support American forces already there.

His statement in the House of Commons was made against a background of deep suspicion of the American Central Intelligence Agency, which, according to a Times of London report from Washington, was mainly responsible for the deteriorating situation in Southeast Asia.

The Prime Minister dodged some questions about the CIA in Commons and, in the House of Lords, Foreign Secretary Lord said coyly when asked a similar question:

"I am not responsible for the operations of the Central Intelligence Agency—very happily—and therefore cannot answer questions about them in this House."

He added that he was completely frank in the Kennedy Administration.

In its morning's edition, The Times of London reported:

"The Kennedy Administration is now convinced that the Central Intelligence Agency has been up to its old devices again.

"Apparently the evidence shows that the search of CIA agents in Laos deliberately opposed the official American objective of trying to establish a neutral government. They are believed to have encouraged Gen. Phoumi Nosavan in the concentration of troops that brought about the swift and disastrous response of the Pathet Lao."

The Times said it is "officially believed" that the CIA gave Phoumi "some funds from its own capacious budget" to thwart Administration objectives.

[In Washington the State Department denied that the CIA was speaking American cash to Phoumi "despite an Administration ban" on the three-million-dollar aid he had been getting monthly. It said the CIA was simply collecting intelligence data in Laos.]

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